

GOVERNMENT OF TALANGANA
ABSTRACT

Telangana State Forest Conservation Act, 1980 – Diversion of **0.0468 ha** of forest land in Medchal division for laying of Optical Fiber Cable along the road within the existing RoW for execution of T-Fiber Project in Medchal District in favour of Telangana Fiber Grid Corporation Limited.– **Final (Stage-II) approval** – Accorded – Orders – Issued.

ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS, SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY (FOR.I) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Ms.No. 39

Dated: 25-03-2023
Read the following:-

- 1.From the PCCF (HoFF), T.S. Hyd., Ref.No.FC3/FC15/50/2022, Dated:13.06.2022.
- 2.Govt. Letter No.3407/For.I (1)/2022, dt.13.07.2022.
- 3.From Deputy Inspector General of Forests(Central), GoI, MoEF & CC, Integrated Regional Office, Hyd., F.No.4-TSB288/2022-HYD/614, dt.28.07.2022.
- 4.From PCCF(HoFF), T.S., Hyderabad, Rc.No.PCCF-FC3/FC15/50/2022-FCA Section, Dt:30.10.2022.
- 5.Govt. Lr.No.3407/For.I (1)/2022, dt.15.11.2022.
- 6.From the Deputy Inspector General of Forests(Central), GoI, MoEF & CC, Integrated Regional Office, Hyderabad, F.No.4-TSB288/2022-HYD/31, dt.23.01.2023.

ORDER:

In the letter 1st read above, the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Telangana State, Hyderabad has furnished a proposal for diversion of **0.0468 ha** of forest land in Medchal division for laying of Optical Fiber Cable along the road within the existing RoW for execution of T-Fiber Project in Medchal District in favour of Telangana Fiber Grid Corporation Limited.

2. In the letter 3rd read above, the Ministry of Environment & Forests GoI have granted in-principle (Stage-I) approval for the proposal forwarded vide letter 2nd read above, subject to fulfillment of the conditions stipulated thereof.

3. In the letter 5th read above, Government of Telangana have sent the report of compliance on the conditions stipulated by GoI, as submitted by the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF), Telangana State, Hyderabad in his letter 4th read above, to the Ministry of Environment & Forests, IRO, Hyderabad, for according necessary approval.

4. In the letter 6th read above, Central Government have granted final approval for the proposal in para-1 above, under Section- 2 of the Forest (C) Act, 1980, subject to fulfillment of the conditions stipulated therein.

5. Accordingly, Government hereby accord **final (Stage-II)** approval for diversion of **0.0468 ha** of forest land in Medchal division for laying of Optical Fiber Cable along the road within the existing RoW for execution of T-Fiber Project in Medchal District in favour of Telangana Fiber Grid Corporation Limited, under section-2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980, subject to fulfillment of the following conditions:-

- i. Legal status of the forest land shall remain unchanged.
- ii. Forest land will be handed over only after required non-forest land for the project is handed over by the user agency.

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- iii. As per the prevailing guidelines for re-diversion of forest land the primary user agency shall not levy any fee / charges from the new user agency for the use of the forest land.
- iv. The complete compliance of the FRA, 2006 shall be ensured by way of prescribed certificate from the concerned District Collector.
- v. User Agency shall obtain Environmental Clearance as per the provisions of the Environmental (Protection) Act, 1986, if applicable.
- vi. The layout plan of the proposal shall not be changed without prior approval of the Central Government.
- vii. No labour camp shall be established on the forest land.
- viii. Sufficient firewood, preferably the alternate fuel, shall be provided by the User Agency to the labourer after purchasing the same from the State Forest Department or the Forest Development Corporation or any other legal source of alternate fuel.
- ix. The boundary of the diverted forest land shall be suitably demarcated on ground at the project cost, as per the directions of the concerned Divisional Forest Officer.
- x. No additional or new path will be constructed inside the forest area for transportation of construction materials for execution of the project work.
- xi. The period of diversion under this approval shall be co-terminus with the period of lease to be granted in favour of the user agency or the project life, whichever is less.
- xii. The forest land shall not be used for any purpose other than that specified in the project proposal.
- xiii. The forest land proposed to be diverted shall under no circumstances be transferred to any other agencies, department or person without prior approval of Government of India.
- xiv. The User Agency and the State Government shall ensure compliance of all the Court orders, provisions, rules, regulations and guidelines for the time being in force as applicable to the project.
- xv. Violation of any of these conditions will amount to violation of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 and action would be taken as per the MoEF&CC Guideline F.No.11-42/2017-FC, dt.29/01/2018.
- xvi. Any other condition that the Ministry of Environmental, Forests & Climate Change may stipulate from time to time in the interest of conservation, protection and development of forests & wildlife.

6. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Telangana State, Hyderabad shall take necessary action accordingly.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF TELANGANA)

SANTHI KUMARI,
CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT &
SPECIAL CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT (FOREST).

To
The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF),
Telangana State, Hyderabad.

Copy to:

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Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Forests Department, Govt.of
Telangana, Aranya Bhavan, Saifabad, Hyderabad, PIN-500004 .

The Regional Officer(Central),
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SECTION OFFICER.